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SUBJ: STUDENTS ON SITDOWN STRIKE

REF: FREETOWN 0685

1. STUDENTS AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE AND NJALA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BEGAN SITDOWN STRIKE FEBRUARY 23, TO PROTEST THE DETENTION AND ILL-TREATMENT OF AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF STUDENTS. BOTH CAMPUSES ARE QUIET AND GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY INTENDS TO PROJECT PATIENT, CALM ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS LATEST FORM OF STUDENT PROTEST.

2. STRIKE REPORTEDLY HAS SPREAD TO MILTON MARGAI (TEACHER TRAINING) CAMPUS, MOYAMBA (TEACHER TRAINING) CAMPUS, AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE THE PROBLEM, APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY. SIX NJALA STUDENTS WERE RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PRESIDENT TOLD POLICE NOT TO ARREST ANYMORE STUDENTS UNLESS POLICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE PREPARED TO FILE CHARGES.

3. THE NUMBER OF SECONDARY STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES IN FREETOWN NOTICEABLY HAS DIMINISHED, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF PENDING DEMONSTRATIONS IN FREETOWN. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE CIRCULATED LETTERS TO PRESIDENT, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTION. MINISTER OF EDUCATION

REPORTEDLY WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS
SITUATION.
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